GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MAINTAINING OF GAP BETWEEN RAILS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the small gap between the rails for expansion and contraction in normal has not been maintained nowadays in Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to advancement in Rail technology, the individual rails are now welded into long rails, which eliminate the gap between rails at rail ends. The welding of rails results into savings in maintenance effort, longer life of rails and better riding comforts.